

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 3 as follows:

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C In the present invention, it will also be appreciated that data of each control step, also called a control stage, and elapsed time from the start of each control step of the boiler may be stored at least in the point-of-failure data. This functionality is provided based on the finding that failures of the boiler are encountered in high frequency during shift of control steps and for a certain period of time after the shift thereof. Accordingly, storing elapsed time data after the start of each control step at least in the point-of-failure data facilitates understanding at which control step and at which point of time after the start thereof a failure occurred.

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